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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 TO RESPOND  
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 22, 2002**

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on May 22, 2002. The Office Action established a three-month shortened statutory

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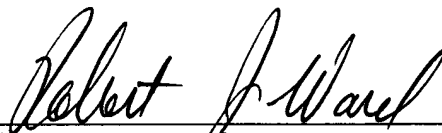
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time period to respond. As such, the three-month shortened statutory time to respond was August 22, 2002. If this petition for a three-month extension of time is granted, the response will be due on November 22, 2002.

This is a first petition for extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the large-entity extension fee for a three-month extension of time in the amount of \$920.00 and any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-3189 of Hunton & Williams (Dallas) and reference Attorney Docket No. 88742.472005. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

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